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SUBJECT: IRANIAN FM TO VISIT KUWAIT

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Iranian FM visit

¶1. (C) In a November 20 meeting (issues raised reported septel), Kuwaiti MFA U/S Khaled Suliman Al-Jarallah informed CDA that on or around November 30, Iranian FM Manoucher Mottaki is scheduled to visit Kuwait to meet with senior GOK officials.

¶2. (C) Al-Jarallah said that in his upcoming meeting with Mottaki, he plans to raise the following issues:

--With Saudi accordance and backing, he plans to raise contentious sea border issues with the Iranians.  
--He promised to "clearly" outline Kuwait's growing concerns in regard to Iran's pursuit of a nuclear weapon and said he would urge the Iranians to listen to the international community and resolve the crisis through diplomatic means.  
--He said he would discuss Iranian efforts to influence Iraqi Shi'a.  
--He said discussions will also focus on bilateral issues, such as a commercial initiative to export gas and water from Iran to Kuwait.  
--He offered to address Iran's growing displeasure with two Kuwaiti dailies that regularly criticize Iran (Al-Seyassah and Al-Watan).

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